

# Parkland News

“Expand Your Horizons”

# MAY 2026



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 15	Non Instructional Day, School Closed
May 18	Statutory Holiday, School Closed
May 20	PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm in the Library
May 20	Grade 8/9 Zone Track Meet at COTR
May 23-27	Grade 8/9 Band Trip to Toronto
May 27	Grade 7 Track Meet in Fernie
May 29	Pro D, School Closed for Students
June 5	Grade 6 Visitation Day, Grade 7s stay home
June 12	Admin Day, School Closed for Students
June 22	Last Day of Classes for Students
June 24	Final Report Cards Published

## Friday Rotations

MAY 1  
MAY 8  
May 22

Week 2 Monday  
Week 2 Thursday  
Week 1 Monday

## PARKLAND LOST AND FOUND

We have a very large and overflowing lost and found bin at the school. Please view Parkland PAC’s Facebook page for a video of the items. Items have been folded and put into numbered boxes. If you see an item that may belong to your child please make note of the box number from the video and come to the school to pick it up. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity in 2 weeks.

Click the link below to join our  
Parkland PAC Facebook group

[Parkland PAC Facebook Link](#)

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Ms. Brenda Tyson – Principal, ext. 21203  
Mrs. Pam Drydale – Vice Principal, ext. 21204  
Mr. Dan van der Walt—Counsellor, ext. 21209



## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

On Thursday, April 23rd, grade 9 students from Parkland Middle School and Laurie Middle School visited the College Of The Rockies (COTR). Students toured the trades buildings, the East Kootenay Teacher Education Program (EKTEP), visited the Dental Assistant Program, and got hands on learning in the Nursing Sciences. Students, elders, and staff were very impressed with variety of programs offered, supports, and technology. Thank you Elders Dorothy and Mel Ratch for supporting SD#5 students on this tour.

Afterwards, students enjoyed a pizza lunch with Elders Pete and Dolly Andrew, and participated in mini drum making in The Place Where People Gather. Indigenous Education from Parkland and Laurie are coordinating with College Of The Rockies staff to make this an annual event.



On April 24th Parkland Middle School students made Bison Soup and Bannock with Elders Dorothy and Mel Ratch.

It was a filling and delicious way to go into the weekend.



## **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations to our chess tournament champions:

1st overall Boys' Champion: Liam Knipelberg

2nd overall Girls' Champion: Lydia Zhu

Overall Grade 7 Champion: Liam Rodriguez

## **GAGA BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our annual Gaga Ball championship is scheduled for May 20.

See Mr. Kennedy for details.

## **WARGAMING CLUB**

Parkland's Wargaming Club has started! We meet Tuesdays at lunch and Thursdays after school until about 4:45 in room 211 with Mr. Wills. Participants can learn painting techniques as they build and paint their own miniatures, and they can also learn the tactical tabletop game that accompanies the minis. No cost, and no experience necessary.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADE 9s**

Mrs. Dawson has started Scholarship Searching for Grade 9s.—so far she has a group of 12 students. Students are beginning the research to access funding to help them pursue their academic careers after Mount Baker. If your child is interested in this group, please have them reach out Mrs. Dawson in room 209.

## **PARKLAND CLOTHING**

Check out Our  
School Clothing Website!

We're excited to launch a fresh, easy-to-use site where you can shop all your favorite school gear. Fast shipping, great prices, and styles for every student. Start the year in style!



Canadians are walking, running and rolling in support of the 30th Annual Walk to Defeat Dechenne, the country's only national event dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Please see the link below to support one of our Parkland students, who is one of two young boys in Cranbrook with DMD.

[CLICK HERE for More Information](#) on supporting this fundraiser.

### HOT LUNCH

Meals are \$7 each, White/Chocolate Milk \$1 each and cookies /fruit bars \$0.50 each

Click this link to pre order: <https://sd5.food-for-thought.ca/login>

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| May 6  | Chicken & Corn Soup with Potato Buns           |
| May 13 | Beef Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy      |
| May 20 | Pork Souvlaki, Greek salad, fruit and oat bars |



# The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Cranbrook Firefighter's Fishing Clinic

**When:** Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 (Father's Day)  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Idlewild Park in Cranbrook

**Who:** All children 15 and under

**Fishing Fun!**

No cost or pre-registration!



Free Burgers  
& Refreshments!

**CHARTERED FISHING TRIP**



for the  
**BIGGEST  
FISH  
CAUGHT!**



**Many More Prizes to be Won!**



Provincial fishing regulations apply. All fish must be caught in the lake!

## **BAND FUNDRAISING—GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Band student fundraising is well underway. Grocery gift cards are an easy way to raise money for your child's annual band trip. Cards can be purchased in the school office for face value and a percentage of your purchase goes directly to your child's fundraising account. Cards can be used across Canada and make a great gift for students or grandparents.

Superstore (5%) available in \$50 and \$100

Safeway (6%) available in \$25, \$50 and \$100

Save on Foods (6%) available in \$50 and \$100

For large orders (over \$3000) please call ahead to be sure we have the amount available.

## **CELL PHONES & DIGITAL SERVICES**

Phones and handheld devices are to stay in lockers.

Smart watches, earbuds and gaming devices, **are not** to be used during instructional time.

**Check Out Our  
WebSite**

**[pms.sd5.bc.ca](http://pms.sd5.bc.ca)**

## **STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE / DISMISSING EARLY**

All students arriving late to school, or leaving at any point during the school day, are required to check in/out at the office.

If your child must leave school during the school day they require a signed note or a parent phone call to the office and must check out at the office prior to leaving the building.

## **STUDENT ABSENCE**

If your child is going to be absent please advise the office via School Messenger Safe Arrival or by calling the office and leaving a message on our answering machine. Please call 250-426-3327, choose option 1

## **STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP**

**Due to congestion along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South we have changed our student drop-off and pick-up area. Please drop-off and pick-up your child in the school parking lot. Follow the signs and please stay to the RIGHT!**